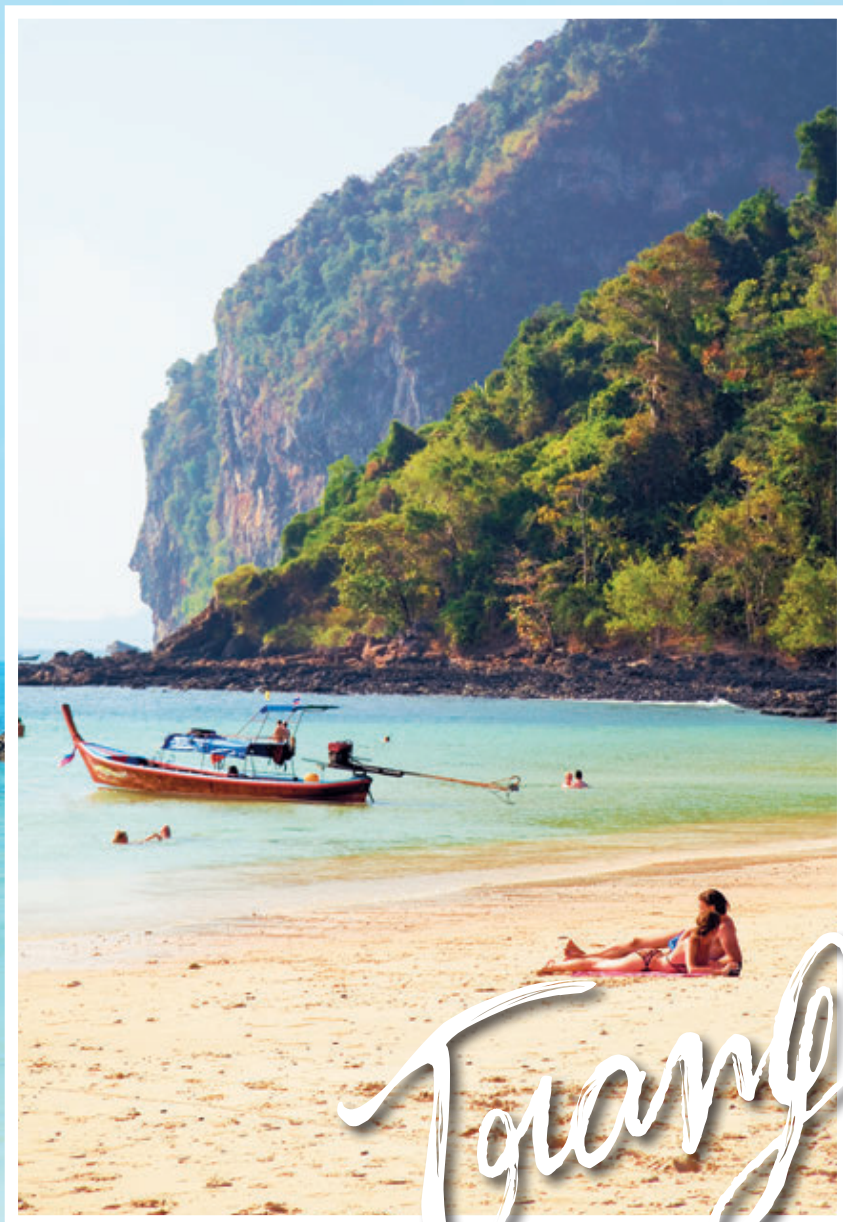


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# Trang

Trang has a very long history that dates back into prehistory, with evidence of early human habitation discovered in many areas including cave paintings and the remains of ancient tools. The city was an important trading port during French and British colonial days, with diplomatic and religious ties to many foreign countries.

Its western coast stretches 119 km. along the Andaman Sea and the province encompasses islands including Ko Kradan, Ko Chueak, Ko Waen, Ko Muk, Ko Libong, Ko Lao Liang, Ko Sukon, and Ko Takiang. The best time to visit is between November and May.



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## 1 Tham Le Khao Kop

Tham Le Khao Kop is a mountain cave surrounded by water, which also flows through it. Inside the cave, beautiful and intact stalagmites and stalactites can be viewed by guided paddle boat tour, and visitors can walk through chambers including Tham Chao Sao, Tham Rak Sai and Tham Khonthan. A highlight is when visitors lay flat on the boat to pass through the cave's lowest ceiling called Tham Lot, referred to as to going "under a dragon's belly".

## 2 Muko Phetra National Park

The National Park has mountains, rainforest, wildlife and colourful coral reefs. It is comprised of large and small islands, including Ko Phetra, Ko Lidi, Ko Bulon, Ko Khao Yai, Ko La Lo Baen Tae, Ko Lao Liang, and Ko Prao Ma. Places of interest include the following.



### Ko Lao Liang

Ko Lao Liang features high-rising cliffs great for rock climbing, white sandy beaches, and clear sea. There are also beautiful fringing coral reefs, teeming with marine life and decorated with many giant sea fans of various colours ideal for snorkelling and Scuba diving. There are two islands side by side. Camping and food outlets are available on Ko Lao Liang Nong, but not neighbouring Ko Lao Liang Phi, as it is a bird's nest concession area. Ko Lao Liang is closed for tourism during May-October.



### Ko Takiang

Ko Takiang is a small island with a white sandy beach stretching for over 100m. A beautiful fringing coral reef covers a wide area, habitat to many species of fish, great for snorkelling or Scuba diving.



### 3 Ko Libong

Ko Libong is the largest island in the Trang Sea with an area of 40,000 square kilometres. The island is surrounded by vast seagrass beds and a large resident population of dugongs. It is also the home of a variety of native and migratory birds that are most abundant in winter. Ko Libong is part of the Libong Archipelago Wildlife Reserve. The island has many capes and beaches such as Hat Tup, Laem Chu Hoi, Laem Thuat and Laem To Chai. Visitors can walk across the beach at Laem Chu Hoi at low tide to Hat Tup where seabirds and mangrove birds from colder climates aggregate seasonally in great numbers. Most residents are Muslims. A great range of homestay accommodation is available.



### 4 Ko Muk and Tham Morakot

Ko Muk and Tham Morakot are the most prominent points in the Trang Sea. Ko Muk is mostly occupied by sea-facing towering cliffs to the west. Located on the eastern side of the island is a village of fishermen who maintain a traditional way of life. On the island to the west is Tham Morakot, a dazzling sea cave. To access the cave, swim through a small entrance hole for 80m. With light from the outside, emerald water can be seen inside the cave. Getting through the cave to the other side, you emerge on a white sandy beach encircled by high steep cliffs. Accommodation available.



### 5 Ko Kradan

Ko Kradan is the most beautiful island in Trang, and offers a range of good restaurants and accommodation. The most striking feature of Ko Kradan is its powdery white beach and crystal-clear water that permits a great view of the fringing coral reef that stretches from the beach's northern end to the coast. Visitors can take a boat from Pak Meng Pier or Chao Mai Pier to Ko Kradan. The trip takes 1.30 hours.



## 6 Hat Chao Mai National Park

Hat Chao Mai National Park is a marine national park covering two districts; Kantang and Sikao. Land-based attractions of the park include beaches such as Hat Pak Meng, Hat Chang Lang, Hat San, Hat Yao, Hat Yong Ling, Hat Chao Mai. All are easily accessible by car. During June-September the islands are closed for tourism. Interesting attractions within the National Park:



### Hat Pak Meng

This beautiful 5 km.-long beach is in the shape of a crescent moon, fringed with pine forest.



### Ko Ngai

Ko Ngai is an island that is actually in Amphoe Ko Lanta of Krabi but it is classified as a tourist destination in the Trang Sea because it is easier to from Trang. The island has a white sandy beach and clear water and is surrounded by a beautiful fringing coral reef. Accommodation is available on the island.





## How To Get There

**By Car:** Take Highway No. 4 via Phetchaburi, Prachuap Khiri Khan and switch to Highway 41, passing Chumphon, Surat Thani, Nakhon Si Thammarat. Then take Highway 403 (Nakhon Si Thammarat-Trang) via Ratsada and Huai Yot. Total distance 840 km.

**By Bus:** There is a daily air-conditioned bus from Bangkok to Trang. The bus leaves from the Southern Bus Terminal on Borommaratchachonnani Road. Contact:

- Transport Co. Tel. +66 7521 0455 (Trang Office) [www.transport.co.th](http://www.transport.co.th)
- Sri Suthep Tour: Tel. +66 2894 6166-7 (Bangkok Office), +66 7521 5173 (Trang Office)
- Sap Paisan Tour: Tel. +66 2894 6040-1 (Bangkok Office), +66 7521 8718 (Trang Office)

**By Train:** Daily service from Hua Lamphong Railway Station to Trang Railway Station and Kantang Railway Station. Contact the State Railway of Thailand, Tel. 1690 or Trang Railway Station at Tel. +66 7521 8012 [www.railway.co.th](http://www.railway.co.th).

**By Air:** There are three airlines operating flights between Bangkok to Trang from Donmueang International Airport as follows:

- Thai AirAsia Tel. +66 2515 9999 [www.airasia.com](http://www.airasia.com)
- Thai Lion Air Tel. +66 2529 9999 [www.lionairthai.com](http://www.lionairthai.com)
- Nok Air Tel. 1318, +66 2088 8955 [www.nokair.com](http://www.nokair.com)

Minivan airport transfer services are available. Ticket 90 Bt. Tel. +66 8 4309 0909

**Getting Around:** Trang offers motorised tricycles, or Tuk Tuks, for travel. Travel between the districts by bus, mini-bus or by renting vans from tour companies.



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